

Abstract

An audio recording/playback tool is integrated with an information viewer that simplifies recording and playback of audio annotations. Alternative techniques are provided to retrieve, categorize and sort the audio annotations including the ability to associate audio annotations with either pages of a document or specific points inside a page. Further, audio playback and document navigation actions can be synchronized. Audio annotations can be stored in a variety of formats including as discrete clips labeled with properties and in an external database that permits, among other things, exchanging of annotations between users.